

5. **Plumbing:** All piping, drains and water purification equipment shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code. No source of water other than that secured from the city water distribution system shall be used in private swimming pools. All water inlet pipes shall be equipped with approved back-flow protection. All private permanent swimming pools hereafter constructed shall be provided with at least one drainage outlet extending from the pool to either a storm sewer or other drainage area which shall be approved by the Building Services Department.

6. **Maintenance:** The owner of every private swimming pool shall be responsible for maintaining the pool in good sanitary condition and shall prevent breaks in the pool and water from the pool from overflowing onto adjacent public or private property.



## Your Notes:

City of Salina  
Division of Building Services  
City County Building  
300 W. Ash Street, Room 201  
Salina, KS 67401  
785-309-5715  
785-309-5715-fax

Website: [www.salina-ks.gov](http://www.salina-ks.gov)  
E-mail: [building.services@salina.org](mailto:building.services@salina.org)  
BLF—157, Rev 02-05



City of Salina  
Department of  
Building Services



Swimming  
Pools



For Your Safety

### When is a swimming pool permit required?

1. A swimming pool permit is required to construct, install or place any permanent or portable pool capable of being used for swimming, wading or bathing having a depth of two (2) or more feet at any point.
2. Permits are also required for the plumbing and electrical work associated with installing a swimming pool.
3. Permits are not required for pools (livestock tanks) if drainage holes are drilled to prevent the pool from being filled to more than two (2) feet.

### What do I need to obtain a swimming pool permit?

1. A completed application by the property owner, pool contractor or other authorized agent of the owner.
2. A site plan, drawn to scale, showing the location of the pool, the fence, overhead power lines and all structures on the zoning lot.
3. Plans and specifications for the swimming pool.

### What inspections are required?

1. All plumbing and electrical work requiring a permit must be inspected.
2. Final inspection when all work is completed and the pool is in place.

## For Your Safety:

1. **Construction and Design:** Construction and design of private swimming pools shall be such that they may be maintained and operated as clean and sanitary pools at all times.
2. **Location of Pools:** Outside or open air swimming pools shall be located with a minimum three (3) foot side yard set-back. The pool may not be placed in a required front yard (both street frontages on a corner lot are considered front yards). The pool may not be placed closer than three (3) feet to any structure on the lot.
3. **Enclosure of pools:** Every pool with a depth of 24 inches or more at any point, shall be enclosed by a fence or wall (Salina Municipal Code Sec 8-468). Every private **permanent** pool shall be completely enclosed by a fence or wall not less than six (6) feet in height. Private **portable** pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence or wall not less than 42 inches in height. The fence or wall may be solid or shall be designed so that no portion of the fence or wall would permit the passing of a four inch sphere

through the fence or wall. The fence or wall cannot be constructed with features, which could be used for climbing over the fence or wall. The maximum mesh size for chain link shall be 2.25-inch square. Gates must be self-closing and must have a latch or other mechanism, which shall engage automatically upon closing. Where the release mechanism of the self-latching device is located less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism must be located on the poolside of the gate, 3 inches or more below the top of the gate. The gate and barrier must be constructed so there is no opening greater than a .5 inch within 18 inches of the release mechanism. *Exception: The door of a dwelling, which opens onto a pool enclosure, need not be equipped with such a device.*

4. **Electrical:** Generally, all electrical installations necessary in conjunction with private swimming pools shall be installed in conformance with the National Electric Code. Overhead electrical lines may not pass over the swimming pool or the area measured ten (10) feet out horizontally from the pool. Utility owned communications cables are allowed provided they are located a minimum of ten (10) feet above the pool. All equipment and lighting associated with a swimming pool must be GFCI protected.